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TITLE OF INVENTION: UNCERTAINTY REDUCTION IN COLLABORATIVE BOOTSTRAPPING

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/732,741

Examiner

PETER COUGHLAN

Applicant(s)

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- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/12/2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5,6 and 11-21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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* Certified copies not received: ____.

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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

Examiner's Amendments / Reasons for Allowance

1. An Examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to the applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In the claims

2. Claims 22 through 26 are cancelled.
3. Authorization for the Examiner's Amendment was given by a voice message by Mr. Christopher L. Holt (Reg. No. 45844) on 1/9/2009.
4. Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11-21 are considered allowable since when reading the claims in light of the specification, as per MPEP §2111.01 or *Toro Co. v. White Consolidated Industries Inc.*, 199 F.3d 1295, 1301, 53 USPQ2d 1065, 1069 (Fed. Cir. 1999), none of the references of record alone or in combination disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in independent claims.
5. The following is an Examiner's Statement for reasons for allowance:

The cited art taken alone or in combination fails to teach the claimed invention of a computer readable storage medium including instructions readable by a computer, which when implemented, cause the computer to classify data comprising the steps of:

receiving labeled data; receiving unlabeled data; constructing a first classifier and a second classifier using the labeled data; performing uncertainty reduction comprising: selecting a instances from the unlabeled data that are uncertain with respect to the first classifier; and selecting instances from the unlabeled data that are uncertain with respect to the second classifier; labeling the instances uncertain to the first classifier using the second classifier to form a first labeled set; and labeling the instances uncertain to the second classifier using the first classifier to form a second labeled set reconstructing the first classifier and the second classifier based on the first labeled set and the second labeled set; providing the reconstructed first classifier and the reconstructed second classifier for use in labeling data wherein selecting instances uncertain to the first classifier includes selecting instances of the unlabeled data as a function of uncertainty; wherein selecting instances of the unlabeled data as a function of uncertainty comprises calculating at least one value of uncertainty used to select the instances uncertain to the first classifier; and wherein selecting instances uncertain to the first classifier includes selecting instances having a value of uncertainty that is compared to a predetermined threshold wherein selecting instances having a value of uncertainty includes selecting instances having a value of uncertainty below the predetermined threshold.

6. The closest prior art teaches ('A Bootstrapping Method for Extracting Bilingual Text Pairs', referred to as Masuichi) a computer readable storage medium including instructions readable by a computer, which when implemented, cause the computer to

classify data comprising the steps of: receiving labeled data (**Masuichi**, p1067, C2:42 through p1068, C1:18; 'Labeled data' of applicant is equivalent to '100 pairs' of a training corpus of Masuichi.); receiving unlabeled data (**Masuichi**, p1067, C2:42 through p1068, C1:18; 'Unlabeled data' of applicant is equivalent to '1000 English-Japanese patent text pairs' of Masuichi.); constructing a first classifier and a second classifier using the labeled data (**Masuichi**, p1067, C2:42 through p1068, C1:18; Construction of a first and second classifier of applicant is equivalent to 'create an initial word space' of the initial pairs of words of Masuichi.); performing uncertainty reduction comprising: selecting a instances from the unlabeled data that are uncertain with respect to the first classifier (**Masuichi**, p1068, C1:19-42; 'Unlabeled data' ... 'respect to the first classifier' of applicant is equivalent to calculating '1000 English patent vectors' of Masuichi.); and selecting instances from the unlabeled data that are uncertain with respect to the second classifier (**Masuichi**, p1068, C1:19-42; 'Unlabeled data' ... 'respect to the second classifier' of applicant is equivalent to calculating '1000 Japanese patent vectors' of Masuichi.); labeling the instances uncertain to the first classifier using the second classifier to form a first labeled set: and labeling the instances uncertain to the second classifier using the first classifier to form a second labeled set (**Masuichi**, p1068, C1:19-42; 'Labeling the instances uncertain to the first classifier using the second classifier' and 'second classifier using the first classifier to form a second labeled set' of applicant is illustrated by 'Next we extracted the English-Japanese patent pairs which satisfied the simple condition that the English patent vector in the pair has (the biggest cosine) with the Japanese patent vector in the pair among the 1000

Japanese patent vectors and vice versa' of Masuichi.) reconstructing the first classifier and the second classifier based on the first labeled set and the second labeled set (Masuichi, p1068, C1:19-42; Reconstructing both first and second classifiers are done by catenation the 10 mutual proximity pairs to the initial 100 translation pairs of Masuichi.); providing the reconstructed first classifier and the reconstructed second classifier for use in labeling data (Masuichi, p1068, C1:42 through C2:2; Providing the reconstructed first and second classifiers of applicant is equivalent to the '110 English-Japanese pairs' of Masuichi.) wherein selecting instances uncertain to the first classifier includes selecting instances of the unlabeled data as a function of uncertainty (Masuichi, p1067, C2:5-29; 'Function of uncertainty' of applicant is disclosed by the cosine of the angle between the two vectors of Masuichi.); wherein selecting instances of the unlabeled data as a function of uncertainty comprises calculating at least one value of uncertainty used to select the instances uncertain to the first classifier (Masuichi, p1068, C1: 'Value of uncertainty' of applicant is disclosed by the cosine between two vectors. The more elements which are common between the two vectors, the greater cosine value and a lower 'value of uncertainty'); and wherein selecting instances uncertain to the first classifier includes selecting instances having a value of uncertainty that is compared to a predetermined threshold. (Masuichi, p1068, C1: 'Predetermined threshold' of applicant is disclosed by only the '10 most reliable mutual proximity pairs' of Masuichi.)

7. The references either by themselves or in combination fail to teach wherein selecting instances having a value of uncertainty includes selecting instances having a value of uncertainty below the predetermined threshold. This entails selecting instances uncertain to the first classifier includes selecting instances of the unlabeled data as a function of uncertainty, and that the calculation of at least one value of uncertainty used to select the instances uncertain to the first classifier and selecting instances uncertain to the first classifier includes instances having uncertainty values related to a predetermined threshold.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Peter Coughlan whose telephone number is (571) 272-5990, Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., or contact the Supervisor Mr. David Vincent at (571) 272-3080.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2129

Patent Examiner

1/9/2009

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Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2129

